



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5228

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE
OPERATORS' LICENSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) (1) Whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license
4 has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a
5 suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations,
6 the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend [his] such person's
7 operator's license as follows: For a first violation of subsection (a) of
8 section 14-224 or section 14-110 [, 14-215] or 53a-119b, for a period of
9 not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a
10 period of not less than five years; for a first violation of section 14-215,
11 for a period of not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation
12 thereof, for a period of not less than five years, except that the
13 commissioner shall not suspend such person's operator's license if the
14 basis for such violation was that such person operated a motor vehicle
15 during the period such person's operator's license or right to operate a
16 motor vehicle in this state was under suspension on account of such

17 person failing to appear for a scheduled court appearance and the
18 commissioner had suspended such license for such failure after
19 receiving a report of such failure pursuant to subsection (b) of section
20 14-140; for a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222, for a period of
21 not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days and, for a
22 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than ninety days;
23 for a first violation of section 14-145, for a period of not less than six
24 months and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less
25 than five years; for a violation of subsection (b) of section 14-224, for a
26 period of not less than ninety days; for a first violation of subsection
27 (b) of section 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety days and, for a
28 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than five years;
29 for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147, for a period of
30 not less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a
31 period of not less than one year.

32 (2) The commissioner may suspend the motor vehicle operator's
33 license of any person (A) who was arrested for a felony, and (B) for
34 whom there is an outstanding warrant for rearrest for failing to appear
35 when legally called with regard to such felony. The suspension shall
36 terminate no later than the date on which such person appears before
37 the court with regard to such felony or such failure to appear.

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) The court shall not accept a plea of guilty or nolo
39 contendere from a person in a proceeding with respect to a violation of
40 section 14-110, section 14-145, subsection (b) or (c) of section 14-147,
41 section 14-215, subsection (a) of section 14-222, subsection (a) or (b) of
42 section 14-224 or section 53a-119b of the general statutes unless the
43 court advises such person that conviction of the offense for which such
44 person has been charged will have the consequence of the
45 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles suspending such person's operator's
46 license.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a person who operates a motor vehicle while such person's driver's license is under suspension for failure to appear at

court for a motor vehicle violation does not face an additional period of license suspension, and to require the court to advise certain defendants that conviction will result in the suspension of their driver's license.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]